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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly enter the following preliminary amendment after assigning a filing date but before beginning examination of the patent application identified above and submitted herewith.

In the Written Description:

On page 1, please substitute the first paragraph (lines 1-2) with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/177,243, filed October 22, 1998, which claims the benefit of the filing date of provisional application Serial No. 60/063,219, filed October 23, 1997, the entire disclosures of both applications are incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

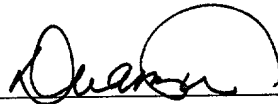
Applicant hereby amends the specification to provide information about related application and to assert right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The related application is co-pending through the filing of a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136 (a), a copy of which is enclosed. No new matter is added. A marked-up copy of the amended paragraph of the specification is attached.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 248-7808.

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